PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Takashi Nozaki et al.

Examiner: M. D. Hoel

Application No.: 10/697,006

Art Unit: 3713

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For: GAMING MACHINE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006, the period for response being extended to July 26, 2006, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1 and 3-8 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 2 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1 and 3-6 are amended and claims 7 and 8 are added.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)